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Title: ELECTRONIC BILL PRESENTMENT AND PAYMENT
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND/OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated October 18, 2007, having a shortened statutory period set to expire November 18, 2007. Accompanying this response is a petition to revive an application that was unintentionally abandoned.

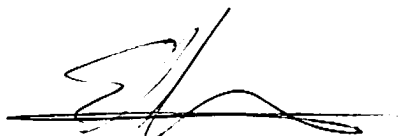
The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- Group I. Claims 1-23, drawn to a method and system of providing billing information to a billing portal, classified in class 705, subclass 35.
- Group II. Claim 24 is drawn to a method of supplying information to a billable entity associated with a billing portal, classified in class 705, subclass 35.

A review of the file history will show that claims 12-24 have been cancelled. See, e.g., Amendment filed July 5, 2007. Applicants are at a loss on how to respond to a restriction requirement that lists two groups, only one of which contains pending claims. Applicants submit the non-final Office Action dated October 18, 2007 was issued in error and request withdrawal thereof.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,

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